

NEW HAVEN'S REVISED CHARTER.

Upon Which Action Is Now Pending—Some Comments on Reflections on the Subject.

As the legislature will next Thursday give a hearing to all persons interested in procuring a new charter for the city of New Haven, it may be appropriate to inquire into the revised charter upon which action is now pending in the general assembly.

In the first place a new charter for the city of New Haven has never been demanded by any considerable number of the citizens of New Haven, notwithstanding all announcements on the title page of the proposed revision to the contrary. The proposed new charter is the work principally of Henry C. White, and other alleged reformers, who, it is said, without so much as inquiring into the manner in which the affairs of the city government were conducted, rushed to the last general assembly and frantically appealed for a new charter for the city of New Haven.

The application of this much needed improvement, so called, was made at the instance of perhaps a dozen gentlemen, who subsequently became known to the citizens and taxpayers of the city as reformers. Despite all statements to the contrary, and especially the one contained in the commencement of the proposed new charter as revised by the members of the charter commission, there was no application made to the general assembly for a new charter until March, 1893. The announcement of the charter commission is that the application was made at a much earlier date, in December, 1890, but this is untrue as can be easily seen by reference to the records. The claim is made that the application was originally made in 1890, but there is absolutely no truth in this statement.

After the application had been finally made by this handful of so called reformers a commission was appointed consisting of Henry C. White, James N. States, Eli Whitney, Jr., Francis G. Beach and George D. Verrill. After the commission had been appointed and instructed to give a hearing on the subject they sent out invitations and the proposed new charter is the result of the suggestions of their friends instead of those of the general public. In fact, the suggestions made by the latter class were for the most part entirely ignored in the compiling of the new charter.

Again this commission was instructed to revise the charter, not to submit a new one, but to deliberately violate its instructions, and instead of revising the charter at present in use, recommended the adoption of a charter practically new in all its departments.

That this commission had decided what it would recommend prior to the compilation of the so called revised charter is proved by the fact that Henry C. White, the prime mover in the work, gave a public lecture at St. Paul's church in this city prior to there being any public hearing on the subject. At this lecture he gave substantially every change in the city government provided for by the revision. At this time views on the subject expressed by him on what the new charter should consist of were in almost every respect identical with those subsequently adopted by the charter commission. The date on which he delivered this lecture was February 6, 1894, and the date of the first public hearing on the proposed revision of the charter was February 19, 1894. Other members of the commission also expressed their views on the subject prior to a public hearing.

The proposed new charter is entirely too radical in all its provisions, and if adopted would prove the worst curse that could possibly happen to our fair city. By its provisions the mayor is given altogether too much power, and becomes invested with almost as much power as the czar of Russia. Its adoption would mean the trenching of ruling rule in this city worse, infinitely worse, even than that which exists to-day, and I unhesitatingly affirm that to-day there exists in New Haven a ring of politicians which is worse and more corrupt than that even of Tammany in its palmy days.

The writer has from time to time brought charges against various city officials, but has never met with any satisfaction, although it is known beyond a reasonable doubt that the evils which he complained of did exist, and some of them exist even at the present time. Had the principles he contended for been followed out many thousands of dollars would have been saved to the city, but the ring was too strong and he was never given a satisfactory chance to prove his charges. Every obstacle was thrown in his way and whenever any investigation of charges were held he was compelled to pay all the expenses of the investigation. Yet when Dr. Smyth or any other citizen brings charges the expenses are defrayed by the city.

Now, let us again look at the proposed new charter, for, having been a resident and taxpayer in this city since 1868, the writer feels that he is entitled to express an opinion even of criticism, and not be choked off as he was at the hearing before the charter commission when the proposed new charter was under consideration. The present charter, while not perfect, is infinitely superior to the one proposed. The new charter practically takes the power of government out of the hands of the people and puts it into the hands of a few.

The establishment of such a precedent would be dangerous in the extreme and would result in the perpetration of a powerful ring and mean the deathknell of all honesty in politics.

The project of one-man power in municipal government is utterly un-American and wherever tried has proved disastrous to the public welfare. Note the fact that the proposed new charter for New Haven gives the mayor the power to make any and all appointments without restriction or limitation. Such a monopoly of authority would be monarchial and would inevitably result in political misuse.

As a special instance the mayor would have the power to appoint a superintendent of the police department. To secure election to the mayoralty the candidate would have to make certain political alliances and promises. Otherwise he would be defeated. One most influential and important officer that he would have to farm out is the police superintendent. The mayor's appointment of such a powerful official, held to account to nobody except the mayor, his creator, would be a movement of the gravest evil to the public and to the police force. The superintendent in turn would have the power to remove any other member of the force whatever.

Favoritism and injustice would thus have full sway. But nothing could be done, as the superintendent would be amenable only to the mayor himself and the latter would naturally attempt to hide his creature so as to save the mayor's administration from responsibility in the malfeasance and also from political animadversion.

Now about consolidation. It is not needed. Some persons have been clamoring for it through years and years. The experience of our own and other cities and towns, however, proves that the affairs of city, town and school governments should be separated as much as possible. Further, the city government of New Haven cannot survive the town government. This is a fact proved by our state constitution and by such men as Congressman Sperry. The lesser cannot absorb the greater and constitutionally, consolidation cannot result in the survival of the city government.

This is but one instance of the power given to one man by the provisions of the proposed new charter, and there are numerous others which might be cited. The same rule applies to the board of public works and, in fact, to every other department of the city government.

The city is not in need of a new charter and the legislative committee should not, under circumstances, recommend the adoption of the proposed new charter.

ANTHONY CARROLL.

YALE NOTES.

Candidates for the Track Athletic Team—New Phi Beta Kappa Officers.

The following official list of the candidates for the track athletic team has been recently prepared by Trainer Murphy and is now published for the first time. It will be noticed that the number of men, and especially of old men, is very small—a fact that is most discouraging to the captain and coach. The men now practicing daily are as follows:

100 and 220 yards dash—W. M. Richards '95, R. W. Burnett, Jr., '97, C. Gillette '97, A. Pond '96 S., W. T. Cowdrey '97, F. P. Garvan '97, G. Parker '98, L. S. Jackson '95, G. C. Hollister '96, D. A. Hill '95 S., H. A. Field '95 S., F. E. Wade '96, J. G. H. de Sibour '96, H. R. Winthrop, Jr., '98, W. R. Betts '98, C. H. Morrison '97 S., W. M. Hartshorn '98, R. E. Clark '98, G. A. Colston '98, J. B. Burnett '98, W. K. Chisholm '98, M. U. Ely '98, R. G. Lamphier '97 S., F. A. M. Schiefelin '97 S., H. M. Wilson '98, F. W. Tenney '98, W. J. Schroder '98.

440 yards dash—H. Chubb '95 S., S. K. Gerard '97, I. M. Jordan '98, F. E. Bennett '96, J. Frank '98, R. F. Ely '97, J. P. Latimer '97, D. C. Byers '98, R. Morrison '97 S., M. U. Bernheim '98.

Half mile run—W. J. Lapham '97, G. W. Klett '97 S., W. H. Comley, Jr., '97, S. F. Johnson '97, F. T. Anderson '98, A. P. Fitch, Jr., '98, C. M. Warren '98, P. H. Lyman '98, R. J. Turnbull '98, N. R. Beecher '98, M. Goodbody '97 S., D. T. Leahy, Jr., '98, E. A. Ryals '97 S., T. Hamilton '98, L. E. Johnson '98, J. T. Judson '98, W. V. Vail '98, J. T. Crane '98, P. N. Welch, Jr., '98, H. A. Scheffel '96, P. M. Gilbert '98, P. R. Sears '97 S., P. W. Grece '98, A. Corlies '97 S., R. Morrison '97 S., A. G. Baylis, Jr., '98, E. Bamberger '98, H. W. Peck '97 S., F. T. Van Beuren, Jr., '98, N. H. Cowdrey '98, G. P. Morrill '97 S.

1 mile run—J. E. Morgan L. S., W. H. Wadhams '98, W. H. Scoville '95, W. Brainerd '96 S., E. S. Brickett '97, G. E. Rhodes '98, N. D. Otis '98, E. W. Carlton '97 S., W. P. French '97 S., E. B. King '98, E. H. Owen '97 S., J. M. Beatty '97 S., H. P. Noble '97 S., A. G. Betts '97 S., P. R. Porter '98, T. M. James '98, M. Mulally '98, W. H. Peck '98, C. F. Neergaard '97, N. A. Smyth '97, J. L. Ewell, Jr., '97, S. Tyler '95, W. S. Gaies '98, W. Churchill '97.

1 mile walk—F. C. Thrall '96 S., W. Darach, Jr., '97, A. W. Perrin, Jr., '97, J. L. Hitchcock '97 S., L. P. Hoole '96.

120 yards and 220 yards hurdles—E. H. Cady '95 S., G. B. Hatch '96, P. Van Ingen '97, E. C. Perkins '98, F. Brookfield '97, G. H. Myers '98, T. J. McCahill L. S., R. Mitchell, Jr., '96 S., J. L. Fewsmith '98, F. W. Hoenighaus '96.

Jumps—L. P. Sheldon '96, J. H. Thompson, Jr., '97, S. B. Roe '96 S., R. Mitchell, Jr., '96 S., J. L. Fewsmith '98, E. H. Cady '95 S., N. C. Bradley, '97 S., G. C. Moore '98.

Pole vault—H. Thomas '95, M. H. Kershaw '95, W. H. Allen '95, E. A. Brett '97 S., C. T. Van Winkle '97, H. Lee '96 S., A. Heaton, Jr., '97 S., E. H. Noyes '97 S., W. K. Chisholm '98, W. E. Selin '98.

Bicycle race—A. A. Alling '96, E. Hill, Jr., '97, E. C. Heidrich, Jr., '96, J. W. Hall '95 S., C. E. Bear '98, J. L. Fewsmith '98, P. H. Holme '98, H. A. Lane '97 S.

Hammer and shot—W. O. Hickok '95 S., A. Brown, Jr., '96, C. Chadwick, '97, H. Cross '96, R. A. Hickok '97 S., C. Colt '98, M. T. Benson '98.

A meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society was held Friday evening in 198 Old Chapel. The committee appointed to draw up a new constitution for the society made its report, which was discussed at some length, and which will be acted upon finally at a subsequent meeting. The following graduate officers were elected: President, Professor H. A. Newton; vice president, Professor Tracy Peck; corresponding secretary, Professor Simeon E. Baldwin; treasurer, Mr. J. Sumner Smith.

The society admitted to membership F. M. DeForest '95, whose standing in scholarship at the time of the junior appointments of the class of 1895 was, through some mistake, computed as an oration instead of a high oration.

The New York League-Baseball team will play two games with the Yale team this season. The services in Battell chapel yesterday were conducted by Rev. Henry A. Stimson, D. D., '95, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York.

Poultry Notes.

The New Haven Poultry association is receiving many complimentary words in regard to the excellence of the last show, not only from people in this city and state, but from many outside places. It is the general verdict among poultry judges that it was the second best exhibit given in this country this year, the first one being that held in New York recently.

At the exhibit in New York President W. P. Ensign, of the New Haven association, and C. P. Jordan, one of the prominent members, were in attendance. It was a great exhibit in number, but in quality of the birds shown the New Haven show ranked high.

SOLD LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.

POLICE CAPTURE TWO MEN AND A QUANTITY OF LIQUORS.

John Gallagher's Attie Room on State Street—Eight Men and a Keg of Beer Found Huddled Around a Stove—Patrick Lee of Oak Street Also Arrested.

The police were unusually alert yesterday in looking after violations of the Sunday liquor law, and in consequence two men were arrested and locked up charged with selling liquor on Sunday. Other places were visited, but no traces of violation discovered. The officers detailed by Superintendent Smith to look after the violators yesterday were Grant, Stanford, H. J. Donnelly, Allan, Hyde, Frey and Hope.

The first place visited yesterday was the saloon of William Dwyer, on State street, near Court. Here Officers Hyde, Donnelly, Stanford and Allan found a number of men in a room over the saloon, but there was no evidence of their having been any liquor there. The men all claimed to be boarders of Dwyer's, and after a diligent and thorough search no liquor or glasses could be found or in fact any evidence that savored of a violation of the law, the officers withdrew and left the boarders unmolested.

Next Officers Stanford, Grant and Allan turned their attention to 141 State street. Here, after climbing two flights of stairs they found huddled around a stove in the attic John Gallagher and eight other men. In the same room was found half a keg of lager, several full bottles of lager, an empty keg and several empty lager beer bottles. Gallagher, who keeps the place, was arrested and taken to police headquarters, charged with selling liquor without a license. Bonds were fixed at \$100, but Gallagher was unable to find a bondsman and was compelled to spend the night in the lockup. Gallagher formerly ran the Narragansett house at Sayin Rock, but had no license to sell liquor in this city.

Officers Frey and Hope paid a visit to Patrick Lee's place at 54 Oak street. Lee formerly ran a saloon at this place, but at present he has no license, the county commissioners having refused to grant him a license this year. When the officers visited the place they found two men drinking in a room over the saloon. Lee was promptly arrested, charged with selling liquor without a license. He was immediately released under bonds of \$100 furnished by Lawrence Egan of 54 Oak street.

The officers of the Grand avenue and Dixwell avenue precincts were also out in force yesterday in quest of violators of the liquor law, but all their efforts were unsuccessful, and no arrests were made. The police department is determined to break up the illegal sale of liquor in the city on Sunday, and will leave no stone unturned to break up the practice. The liquor secured in the raids yesterday was taken to police headquarters, and after being used as evidence will be destroyed.

Personal.

Captain Lawrence O'Brien of this city is in Washington.

Miss Carolyn Fitzgerald, stenographer, at the general ticket office of the Consolidated road, is out again after a severe illness.

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Ladies' All Wool White Vests and Pants, that you bought quickly a few weeks ago for 98c, but suppose you come quicker now and take them at 75c.

Broken assortments sizes of our unapproachable 50c Ladies' Underwear now 39c.

The genuine Wright's Health Fleece Lined Men's Underwear (every garment with Wright's trade mark), worth \$1.25 of anyone's money, but for the sale 69c each.

Men's fine Brown Mixed Wool Shirts and Drawers, silk bound and pearl buttons, a grand special sale at 59c.

All our Men's regular \$1.30 and \$1.50 Scarlet and Camels' Hair Wool Underwear down to 98c.

Men's fine quality Seamless Merino Socks, while they last, 11c.

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